

1 AN ACT with regard to schools.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 10-22.18 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-22.18) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-22.18)  
7 Sec. 10-22.18. Kindergartens. To establish kindergartens  
8 for the instruction of children between the ages of 4 and 6  
9 years, if in their judgment the public interest requires it,  
10 and to pay the necessary expenses thereof out of the school  
11 funds of the district. Upon petition of at least 50 parents  
12 or guardians of children between the ages of 4 and 6,  
13 residing within any school district and within one mile of  
14 the public school where such kindergarten is proposed to be  
15 established, the board of directors shall, if funds are  
16 available, establish a kindergarten in connection with the  
17 public school designated in the petition and maintain it as  
18 long as the annual average daily attendance therein is not  
19 less than 15. If a kindergarten is established, the board  
20 must offer both ~~may-establish-a--kindergarten--with~~ half-day  
21 attendance kindergarten and ~~or--with~~ full-day attendance  
22 kindergarten. ~~If---the---board---establishes---full-day~~  
23 ~~kindergarten,-it-shall-also-establish-half-day--kindergarten.~~  
24 No one shall be employed to teach in a kindergarten who does  
25 not hold a certificate as provided by law.

26 (Source: P.A. 84-1308.)

27 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.19a rep.)

28 Section 10. The School Code is amended by repealing  
29 Section 10-20.19a.

1 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding  
2 Section 8.26 as follows:

3 (30 ILCS 805/8.26 new)

4 Sec. 8.26. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6  
5 and 8 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required  
6 for the implementation of any mandate created by this  
7 amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly.

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on  
9 July 1, 2002.